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Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and recognizes the overall progress made towards the guarantee of fundamental human rights. Seychelles puts forward the following **two recommendations:**

1) First, to review and amend national legislations in order to enable the effective exercise of the rights of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in line with the standards enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR);

2) Secondly, Seychelles recommends the timely establishment of a National Human Rights Institution that is in line with the ‘Paris Principles’ and provided with adequate resources to fulfil a wide-ranging mandate.

Seychelles wishes the delegation of Viet Nam a fruitful session ahead.

Thank you, Mr President.